

## REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending. A Final Office Action mailed October 21, 2005 rejected Claims 1-17. By way of this Amendment, Applicant hereby amends Claims 2-5, 10, and 17, and adds new Claim 18. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.113, applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

### REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 USC 112

Applicant has amended Claims 2-6, 8, 9, 12, 16, and 17 responsive to Examiner's rejections, and the Claims should now be in allowable condition. With respect to Claim 14, Applicant requests clarification of the rejection.

### REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 USC 102

Claims 1-17 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Nelson. The Office Action states, "Nelson discloses a table platforms 19, 20, securable to ladder sections 10, 11, the platforms having top support surface 21, front supports 30, 31, rear supports (legs) 23, which are pivotally attached to surface 21, 24, having slots 26 there through, and pins 27, received within apertures/orifices (unnumbered)." With respect to the amended and independent Claims, Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Nelson teaches a portable scaffold that may be assembled only on a substantially vertical, V-type painter's ladder. Applicant's amended and independent Claims 1, 10, 13, and 17 all recite a horizontally positioned ladder as a limitation. For this reason, Applicant respectfully submits that Nelson fails to anticipate amended and independent Claims 1, 10, 13, and 17. As Claims 2-9, 11-12, and 14-16 depend from allowable Claims 1, 10, 13, and 17, they are allowable for the same reasons that Claims 1, 10, 13, and 17 are allowable.


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## CONCLUSION

With the amendments set for above, all of the remaining claims stand in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any questions, the Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the Applicant's attorney at the address and telephone numbers set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,

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